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OF THE  
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SCHOOL BOARD,  
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

### SELECTMEN :

Sylvester Wheet,  
Albi A. Hall,  
Ira Wheeler.

### TOWN CLERK :

Joseph W. Burley.

### TREASURER :

Daniel Kidder.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES :

Charles G. Kidder.

### AUDITORS :

Noah L. Jewell,  
Josiah Wheet.

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST :

Daniel Kidder,  
Charles G. Kidder,  
George W. Bailey.

## Selectmen's Report.

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The selectmen of Groton for the year ending March 1, 1888,  
charge themselves with cash received as follows :—

Rec'd :		
April 1,	Amount committed to Collector,	\$2,806.68
Sept. 2,	Cash rec'd of Joseph W. Ferrin,	968.31
	“ Albert J. Wheeler,	1,824.97
	“ Noah L. Jewell,	1,250.00
17,	“ Mary J. Clement,	137.50
	“ John C. Wheet,	134.54
Oct. 8,	“ Joseph F. Cilley,	460.59
Nov. 8,	“ County on Paupers,	97.10
Feb. 3,	“ State Railroad tax,	2.44
	“ Savings Bank tax,	285.04
	“ Literary Fund,	95.46
25,	“ J. N. Kinne, Coll. 1882,	2.14
	“ Ira Wheeler, “ 1884,	18.00
	“ Alvin Goodhue, Int. on taxes 1885,	10.00
	“ Charles G. Kidder, Coll. 1886,	572.01
	“ Charles G. Kidder, Int. 1886,	9.35
	“ C. G. Kidder, resident highway tax for the year 1885,	9.90
	“ A. A. Hall, conditional notes of 1886 and 1887,	103.56
	“ Notes Daniel Kidder Treas. 1886,	825.89
		\$9,613.48

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid. Cash receipts :

April 1,	Noah L. Jewell, Emma Jewell note in full,	\$122.17
	Florence J. Ferrin, note in full,	126.22
	8, E. O. Pierce, Cynthia Cilley note in full,	207.25
	18, Albert J. Wheeler, note in full,	150.51
May 5,	Joseph F. Cilley, on note,	40.00
	11, Asenath S. French, note in full,	116.86
June 21,	P. Blood, interest on Joanna Colburn note,	6.63
Sept. 1,	Noah L. Jewell, on note,	54.82
	Joseph W. Ferrin, note in full,	968.31
	2, Albert J. Wheeler, “	1,824.97
	N. L. Jewell, Fannie B. Jewell note in full,	614.16
	N. L. Jewell, note in full,	635.84
	Ira Cummings, “	38.19
	John C. Wheat, “	134.54
	16, Mary J. Clement, J. L. Clement note in full,	137.50
Oct. 1,	Joseph F. Cilley, on note,	40.00
	27, Mary J. Clement, note in full,	138.10
	J. F. Cilley, “	460.59
Nov. 8,	F. H. Hughes, county tax,	305.64
	23, Joseph F. Cilley, on note,	20.00
Feb. 3,	Solon A. Carter, state tax,	304.00
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		\$6,446.30

## Roads and Bridges.

Paid :

Mar. 8,	James M. Moses, breaking roads,	\$3.75
	Cyrus G. Clark, “	15.48
	30, Josiah Wheat, “	12.50
	Rufus Shores, “	6.30
April 1,	Cyrus G. Clark, “	10.41
	John N. Spicer, “	4.00
	18, Charles H. Baker, “	3.00

Apr. 18, Charles G. Kidder, breaking roads,	\$8.40
23, William H. Moses,     “	.75
25, Calvin Blanchard,     “	12.02
May 7, H. N. Bryar,         “	4.80
Albi A. Hall,               “	12.40
June 27,         “         work on road,	9.00
July 4, E. A. Muzzy,       “	21.52
Sept. 2, Lafayette Wheat,   “	4.00
Daniel Kidder,           “	24.50
Nov. 20, A. A. Hall,	6.64
28, Daniel C. Davis, work and plank,	10.50
Dec. 17, Ira Wheeler, building Phelp's bridge,	285.30
C. Spalding, work on Merrill Hollow road,	109.00
27, John E. Muzzy, plank,	8.76
Feb. 22, Josiah Wheel, breaking roads,	9.68
23, Cyrus Blood,         “	3.00
55, W. A. Jesseman,       “	4.15
H. J. Jesseman,         “	4.00
E. S. Dimond,           “	18.90
George E. Colburn,     “	17.75
George D. MacLinn,     “	2.37
Geo. N. Blodgett,       “	7.22
John Irving,             “	5.00
Sylvester Wheel, work on road,	14.05
Daniel Kidder,         “	22.84
Daniel Kidder, plank,	2.50
I. N. Ford,             “	66.84
A. L. Crosby, work on road,	6.75
Ira Wheeler,           “	15.90
Alvin Goodhue, plank,	2.42
R. C. Dunbar,         “	2.64
Calvin Blanchard, breaking road,	22.59
John Irving,           “	2.00
Alfred Goodhue,       “	4.00
R. J. Hunkins,         “	4.20
Daniel F. Wheeler,     “	4.20

Feb. 25, E. B. Butterfield, breaking road,	\$3.00
J. W. Simpson,                   “	7.80
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	\$826.81

### **Non-resident Highway Tax Worked.**

Paid :

Austin F. Pike,	\$16.73
John French,	2.25
French & Grant,	3.75
Clinton French,	3.38
Mary J. Farnsworth,	2.07
J. H. Haines,	1.88
E. F. Pike,	.75
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	\$30.81

### **County Paupers.**

#### **J. S. SANBORN'S FAMILY.**

Nov. 7, J. W. Burley, groceries,	\$16.03
8, C. A. Chase,                   “	14.50
Feb. 10, J. W. Burley           “	7.25
25,                   “                   “	2.99
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	\$40.77

#### **AMBROSE BRIGG'S FAMILY.**

Sept. 17, H. R. Ford, coffin,	\$2.75
Rev. Mr. Fitz, services,	2.00
E. S. Dimond, digging grave,	1.50
Oct. 29, A. S. Russell, M. D., services,	22.04
Nov. 7, J. W. Burley, groceries,	18.50
Feb. 10,                   “                   “	1.50
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	\$48.29

#### **JULIA GILBERT.**

Oct. 29, George Gilbert, board,	\$5.00
H. R. Ford, coffin,	11.00
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	\$16.00



## C. L. BRYAR.

Nov 7, J. W. Burley, groceries,	\$3.78
Feb. 10,       "       "	54.15
Dec. 23, O. L. Corliss, M. D., services,	9.80
Feb. 24, C. M. Cutting, beef,	1.21
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	\$68.95
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	\$174.00

**Abatement of Taxes.**

Paid :

Feb. 27, H. F. Drake, poll tax 1882,	\$2.14
J. S. Kelly, highway tax 1885,	4.40
E. S. Witcher, poll tax 1886,	2.11
W. W. Smith, horse and buggy 1886,	2.19
John LaCrosse, poll tax 1886,	1.82
D. Estey estate, over tax "	2.35
Richard Smith, poll tax 1887,	1.89
James Haskins,       "       "	1.89
Andrew Nettle,       "       "	1.89
James Connell,       "       "	1.89
John Dolan,       "       "	1.89
E. Ellsworth,       "       "	1.89
Thomas Manion,       "       "	1.89
John O'Neil,       "       "	1.89
Frank Randall,       "       "	1.89
John Starr,       "       "	1.89
John Smith,       "       "	1.89
Joseph S. Sanborn,	.83
J. H. Haines, over tax,	5.07
J. D. Wheeler, poll tax,	1.99
Eliza Remick, on cow,	.57
George Gilbert, poll tax,	1.89
Joshua Rowen, poll tax,	1.89
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	\$48 04

**Miscellaneous Bills.**

Sept. 2,	School Board, school house tax,	\$50.00
Oct. 15,	J. A. Dow, damage to horse,	2.00
21,	L. W. Fling, on account,	10 00
29,	J. J. Crosby, surveying town line,	2.25
31,	C. W. Fling, writing depositions,	5 00
Dec. 2,	Dr. O. L. Corliss, births and deaths,	3.75
Feb. 2,	D. M. Tenny, sheep killed by dogs,	2.50
3,	J. S. Sanborn, stationery,	4 90
23,	Cyrus Blood, care of town house,	3.50
27,	D. Kidder, Decoration day,	10.00
	Dr. G. A. Blodgett, death,	.25
	David Hobart, damage crossing land while building bridge.	1.50
	Sylvester Wheat, Incidental bill,	19.71
	Sylvester Wheat, board of selectmen,	10.00
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		\$125.36

**School Tax.**

Paid :

Sept. 2,	Daniel Kidder, school board,	\$125.00
Feb. 27,	Daniel Kidder, " "	356 94
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		\$481.94

**Town Officers' Bills.**

Paid :

Feb. 27,	Sylvester Wheat, services as Selectman,	\$47.25
	Albi A. Hall, " "	29.50
	Ira Wheeler, " "	20.25
	Charles G. Kidder, " Collector,	50.00
	J. W. Burley, " Town Clerk,	15 00
	Daniel Kidder, " Treasurer,	20.00
	Daniel Kidder, " one of School Board,	5.00
	George E. Colburn, " one of School Board,	24 20

Feb. 27, D. G. Wells, services as one of School Board,		\$2.00
Daniel Kidder,	“ Supervisor,	3.50
Charles G. Kidder,	“ “	2.75
George W. Bailey,	“ “	3.00
Daniel Kidder,	“ Moderator,	1.50
Noah L. Jewell,	“ Auditor, two years,	3.00
Josiah Wheet,	“ “	1.50
		<hr/> \$228.45

### RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, \$9,613.48

### Disbursements.

Paid :

Cash receipts,	\$6,446.30
Road bills,	826.81
Highway orders,	30. 81
County Paupers,	174.00
Abatements,	48.04
Miscellaneous bills,	125.36
School tax,	481.94
Town Officers' Bills,	228.45
Daniel Kidder, Treasurer for 1887,	576.51
Charles G. Kidder, Collector for 1887,	675.26
	<hr/> \$9,613.48

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER WHEET,	} Selectmen of Groton.
A. A. HALL.	
IRA WHEELER,	

The undersigned Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1888, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

NOAH L. JEWELL,	} Auditors.
JOSIAH WHEET,	

Groton, N. H., March 1, 1888.

**Liabilities of the town, March 1, 1888.**

Joanna Colburn, note,	\$132.60
Elizabeth C. Merrill, note,	121.12
Albert J. Wheeler, “	1,861.47
Noah L. Jewell, “	1,275.00
Joseph W. Ferrin, “	987.68
John C. Wheat, “	137.23
Joseph F. Cilley, “	448.80
	<hr/> \$4,963.90

**Assets.**

Due from Ira Wheeler collector 1884,	\$14.77
Res. Highway tax 1883,	11.13
Charles G. Kidder, collector 1886,	59.33
“ “ “ 1887,	675.26
Daniel Kidder, Treasurer 1887,	576.51
Resident Highway tax of 1886 committed to coll.	23.61
Albi A. Hall's conditional note of '86 and '87,	61.84
Due from County on paupers,	76.90
Pile driver and road scraper,	40.00
	<hr/> \$1,539.35

Total Indebtedness of the town Mar. 1, 1888,	\$3,424.55
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“ Indebtedness	“	“	1887,	\$4,164.00
“ Indebtedness	“	“	1888,	3,424.55

Debt diminished,	\$739.45
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# Treasurer's Report.

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## Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1887,	\$825.89
Received of Selectmen,	5,255.95
John N. Kinne, Collector, 1882,	2.14
A. A. Hall, conditional note, 1886,	70.04
"        "        "        1887,	33.52
Charles G. Kidder, Collector, 1886,	572.01
"        "        1887,	2,131.42
"        Interest on tax, 1886,	9.35
"        Resident highway tax,	
1885,	9.90
Ira Wheeler, Collector, 1884,	18.00
Alvin Goodhue, Int. on tax, 1885,	10.00
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	\$8,938.22

## Payments.

Paid orders No. 1 to 111, inclusive,	\$8,361.71
Balance in treasury,	576.51
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	\$8,938.22

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL KIDDER, Treasurer.

The foregoing account is properly vouched and correctly cast.

NOAH L. JEWELL, }  
JOSIAH WHEET, } Auditors.

Groton, N. H., March 1, 1888.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GROTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

Date of Birth—1887	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	Let. 2d. or 3d.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Apr. 25	Groton.....	.....	F.	Living...	....	W.	Uriah Rowen. ....	Mary Rowen.....	W.	Groton,....	Farmer.....	.....	.....
May 15	"	.....	M.	"	....	"	Frank Butterfield..	.....	"	"	Farmer.....	.....	.....
July 15	"	.....	F.	"	....	"	James A. Coram....	S. J. Coram.....	"	"	Day Laborer...	St Johns, N. B.	Nava, N. B.
Sept. 5	"	Loretta May , .	"	"	....	"	Clarence H. Dow...	Lizzie Dow.....	"	Runney ...	Day Laborer. .	Gilmauton.....	No. England
" 25	"	.....	"	"	....	"	Cyrus G. Clark....	Agnes D. Clark ...	"	Groton,....	Farmer.....	Groton.....	Groton.....
Oct. 31	"	Minnie M.,.....	"	"	....	"	William Tague,....	Martha Tague.....	"	"	Day Laborer...	England.....	England ...
.....	"	Harry R.,.....	M.	"	....	"	Sylvester Wheel...	Mary L. Wheel....	"	"	Farmer.....	Groton.....	Runney ...
Nov. 27	"	.....	"	"	....	"	Edward O. Pierce..	Florence L. Pierce.	"	"	Farmer . . . . .	No. Scituate, Ms.	Dorchester.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GROTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

Date 1887.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Is, 2nd or 3d marriage.	Name, residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 25	Canaan St....	W. S. H. Remick.	Groton.....	25	W.	Farmer.....	Natick, Mass.	Augustus Remick.. Eliza Ann Remick..	Melford Mass	Farmer.....	2	Rev. S. G. Kelley
		Isabelle Gove....	"	16	"		Orange.....	Isaac B. Gove..... Martha Gove.....	"	Farmer.....	1	Canaan
Sept. 18	Rumney.....	Fred Kidder.....	"	23	"	Engineer.....	Franklin.....	Daniel Kidder..... Emeline F. Kidder..	"	Engineer.....	1	Rev. Wm. Fitz.
		Ida M. Dunklee..	"	20	"		Plainfield.....	Charles Dunklee... Mary Dunklee.....	"	Farmer.....	1	Rumney
Nov. 10	"	George N. Ricker	"	24	"	Miner.....	Zinwick, P. Q.	John Ricker..... Anna Ricker.....	Zinwick, P. Q.	Miner.....	1	Albert Smith J. P..
		Rosetta Hazelton.	"	15	"		Groton.....	W. Hazelton..... Anna Hazelton.....	Groton.....	Farmer.....	....	Rumney
Dec. 21	Groton.....	Harvey R. Smith	Orange.....	20	"	Farmer.....	Orange.....	Richard R. Smith.. Diantha R. Smith..	Rumney .....	Farmer .....	1	A. Y. Bagley, J. P.
		Clara J. Hazelton	Groton.....	15	"		Groton.....	R. C. Hazelton..... Ida F. Hazelton.....	Groton.....	Farmer.....	1	Rumney
Dec. 25	Rumney.....	Ab't E. Dunklee	"	26	"	Miner.....	Plainfield.....	Charles Dunklee... Mary Dunklee.....	Plainfield.....	Farmer .....	1	Rev. Wm. Fitz.
		Amy E. Wells....	"	22	"	School Teach.	Rumney.....	Henry P. Wells.... Mary Wells.....	Canaan.....	Farmer .....	1	Rumney

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GROTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

Date of Death—1887	Place of Death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single or widowed.	Occupation.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.								
Jan. 14	Groton. ....	Fanny B. Jewell ...	67	1	14	.....	F.	W.	M.	.....	Typhoid Pneumonia .....	.....	.....
Mar. 17	"	Isaac P. Hardy ...	78	8	12	.....	M.	"	M.	Lum. Dealer.	Nerve paralysis .....	Samuel Hardy....	Betsy Packard ..
May 1	"	John P. Wright ...	7	10	7	.....	M.	"	"	.....	Inhalation of foreign body.....	Silas E. Wright ..	Mary Wright....
Aug. 31	"	Lena M. Gill.....	3	1	4	.....	F.	"	"	.....	cholera Infantum.....	John P. Gill.....	Hattie Gill.....
Sept. 14	"	Julia Gilbert.....	31	.....	.....	.....	F.	"	"	.....	Peritonitis.....	Clarence H. Dow.	Lizzie Bailey....
Sept. 30	"	Anna Hall.....	18	1	28	Groton.....	F.	"	"	.....	Consumption of Lungs.....	J. Cummings Hall	Caroline B. Hall..
Nov. 11	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"	"	"	.....	Typhoid Fever.....	.....	.....



## School Report.

Fellow Citizens: The School Board, having attended to the duties of their office, respectfully submit the following report of the schools for the past year:—

### No. 1.

There was a fall term of school taught by Miss EDITH F. WHEET, who labored carefully, faithfully and earnestly, and whose success, both in governing and in instructing, was better than many of our teachers of experience. This, her first effort in teaching, warrants the conclusion that she will soon rank among our best teachers.

### No. 2.

There were eight (8) scholars who attended school in Dorchester.

### No. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss CARRIE E. ABBOTT, a member of the Normal School. This school is large, and the teacher lacked that keen perception and that administrative ability requisite to the attainment of the greatest success in a school of this size.

The winter term was in charge of Miss CARRIE A. HALL, who labored untiringly for the advancement of her pupils, and if she did not attain that full measure of success desired and even hoped for, we think, knowing her former success in this school and elsewhere in teaching, the deficiency is not to be chargeable to her.

In thus reporting the schools in this district, we are not unmindful of the fact that they are large, and that equal success may not be so apparent as in those of smaller size.

## No. 5.

There were seven scholars who attended school in Rumney.

## No. 7.

There were five bright scholars between the ages of 7 and 14 years who, under the careful instruction of Miss MINNIE G. POLLARD, made good progress.

## No. 8.

There were summer and fall terms of school, both in charge of Miss ALICE M. WILLIAMS, who is a quiet, careful, yet earnest worker in the school-room, keeping her pupils still, and having an orderly arrangement of all her work and exercises pertaining to the school. This school was in all respects a success.

## No. 9.

There were two terms taught by Miss ANNA G. SUMNER.

The summer term was quite satisfactory and progress made, though there was noticeably a want of that orderly arrangement and systematic instruction which are desirable and so essential to the attainments of the best results in the school room.

The fall term was less satisfactory. The people here showed a very commendable interest by boarding the teacher round, thereby giving their scholars longer terms.

## No. 10.

The summer school was taught by Miss ORRIE A. KELCY, a beginner in teaching, who was active and vigilant, keeping her pupils still and everything orderly arranged. That a young lady of her keen perception and opportunity for study lacked the requisite qualifications to instruct all in this school, we pronounce, upon satisfactory examination, entirely erroneous; though reports of incompetency were made by some of the older scholars. Those who attended through the term showed as good improvement as any in town.

The fall term was in charge of Miss KATE M. WALCOTT who, we are happy to say, had the co-operation of the parents in a

good degree, and whose labors were quite successful and fair progress made. The school did not show that order and quietness which characterized the former term.

The influence of our common schools upon the prosperity, success, and perpetuity of our free government cannot well be estimated or fully appreciated. They are closely allied to all our institutions, civil, political and religious, and form the chief pillar for the support and maintenance of these institutions which have been bequeathed to us by the founders of New England.

Were it not for education, all can clearly see, by comparing our country, with its privileges and blessings, with the nations of the Old World, what would be, what must inevitably be our condition were it not for our free public schools; for it is these schools that mark widely the difference between our country and her institutions and the nations to which we have referred.

These nations educate the few—the rich and the noble—not the poor. Our free school system was established by the Pilgrim Fathers for the education of the masses, the poor and the rich together.

These schools and the institutions they help to maintain come down to us as a rich legacy, better than gold, from these venerated fathers.

Let us, fellow citizens, cherish and liberally support them and show that we are neither unmindful of, nor ungrateful for, the trust committed to our hands.

Let no one think to be an idle spectator in regard to our institutions, for he cannot if he would discharge his duties to himself, his obligations to his country and to God.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL KIDDER,	} School Board
GEORGE E. COLBURN,	
DIMOND G. WELLS,	
	} of
	} Groton.

# STATISTICAL REPORT.

No. of District.	Term of School.	Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average Daily Attendance.	No. of Pupils who have not been absent.	No. of Visits by Supt.	Citizens and others	Wages per month, including board.
1	1	Edith F. Wheet.	8	11	7	4	3	1	\$16.00
2	1	Schooled in Dorchester	7	8	40	8	3	23	Tuition 22.00 24.00
4	2	Carrie E. Abbott.	14	52	28	1	3	8	24.00
4		Carrie A. Hall.		41					
5		Schooled in Rumney.		7					Tuition 26.40
7	1	Minnie G. Pollard.	7	5	4	0	2	4	17.00
8	1	Alice M. Williams.	7	12	10	5	2	12	17.00
8	2	"	10	13	11	4	2	15	17.00
9	1	Anna G. Sumner.	8	21	14	8	3	19	18.00
9	2	"	13	21	15	2	3	16	18.00
10	1	Orrie A. Kelley.	7	18	10	4	3	8	18.00
10	2	Kate M. Walcott.	9	19	17	8	2	10	18.00

Whole No. different Scholars for the year, 137.







